



Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County

Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee

A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board

Mission Statement:

To promote the healthy development and well-being of young children and their families through community collaboration

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2023

Attendees - Jessica Lertora, Jim Miller, Erin Gambrill, Steve Buckley, Lisa Allen, Colleen Guardia, Shelly Toms, Pat Rosensteel, Pilar Olivio, Kerry Fair, Nancy Boyd, Rousana Soto, Barbara Pinnock, Diana Fulchiron, Delaine Welch, Holly Sontz, Leslie Frei

Minute taker- Kelly Robbins

Welcome & Introductions – Jessica Lertora and Jim Miller provided welcome and led the group through introductions.

Minutes – Pat Rosensteel motioned for the vote and seconded by Steve Buckley. Passed. 2 abstained.

Updates & Networking

- IECC Structure: Committee meetings to facilitate action steps
 - Link to document
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gklhBLKwRhO6wABPkwlrkh7Vji9eZwVb/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111174970866547453282&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - Committees Identify monthly meeting date to report on action steps for the Strategic Plan's 90-day tasks (next IECC meeting - August):
 - Awareness Committee – Pat Rosensteel & Erin Gambrill
 - Collaboration Committee – Micheline Lucena & TBD
 - Data & Advocacy Committee – Diana Fulchiron & Jessica Lertora
- ~~Child Care Choices/Children's Festival: Patty Morison~~
- Frederick County Child Care Market Study Updates: Pilar Olivo
 - Updates to Study [Presentation](#)
 - Community input - family survey has closed as of May 19 with over 1400 responses. The demographics of responses matches the demographics of the county. (diversity and geography)
 - Provider survey is live and open through June 9. 98 total responses as of 5/31. Please share the social media posts that are available in English and Spanish

for licensed and unlicensed providers. If you have not received an outreach toolkit, reach out to Pilar.

- Release of results TBD.
- Some concerns from licensed providers were shared regarding the inclusion of unlicensed providers in the survey. The goal of the study is to increase the availability of child care so all providers have been included to understand the options available to families.
- Maryland Family Network (Strong Families Grant Program) & Maryland Consortium Community Supports Grants: Shelly Toms, Pilar Olivo
 - [Presentation](#)
 - There is a lot of money available in the grants.
 - Access to quality behavioral health for school aged children. Schools cannot be a 'hub' or 'spoke' but are still an important part of the collaboration for service providers.
 - Agencies that want to be a 'spoke' are being encouraged to apply for grant funding.
 - <https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/Prior-Consortium-Meetings.aspx>

Partner Presentation:

Erin Gambrill - [FCPL Summer Challenge 2023](#)

- Sign up through Beanstack
- Every day read = one virtual ticket (20 minutes recommended)
- Free books for completion from Curious Iguana and Scholastic
- Wonderful Grand Prizes from local businesses.
- Performances from educators turned performers.
- All Ages!

Adjourn 2:03pm

Next Meeting – Aug 3, 2023

Meeting Minutes Recorder -

Presentations - Colleen Guardia, Head Start